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SUBJ: PRC REACTIONS TO U.S. NOTE ON NORTH VIETNAMESE
VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT

REF: PEKING 445 (NOTAL)

1. USLO OFFICER WAS CALLED IN TO MFA MARCH 20 BY CH'ENG
CH'I-HUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR UNITED STATES AFFAIRS.
MRS. CH'ENG REFERRED TO OUR NOTE OF MARCH 15 CONCERNING
NORTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENTS AND
SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR PRC'S ATTITUDE ON
MATTER. READING FROM PREPARED STATEMENT, SHE SAID
"CHINA ABSOLUTELY CANNOT AGREE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE
UNITED STATES' NOTE OF MARCH 15 CLAIMING THAT THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND THE PROVISIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE FACTS ARE
THAT IT IS NOT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OR
THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM BUT THE NG
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ITSELF WHICH HAVE VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT."

2. USLO OFFICER NOTED THAT THE U.S. NOTE HAD BEEN IN RESPONSE TO A NORTH VIETNAMESE NOTE ALLEGING GVN AND U.S. VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND HAD BEEN SENT TO THE PRC GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURES AS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE AGREEMENT. HE STATED THAT THE U.S. AND PRC OBVIOUSLY HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, AND THE U.S. POSITION HAD BEEN CLEARLY STATED IN THE MARCH 15 NOTE. USLO OFFICER SAID HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE CONTENTS OF NOTE, BUT WOULD REPORT PRC VIEWS TO ACTING CHIEF OF USLO AND TO DEPARTMENT.

3. MEETING WAS ONE OF THE SHORTEST ON RECORD. AFTER USLO OFFICER HAD RESPONDED, MRS. CH'ENG ASKED IF THERE WERE ANYTHING FURTHER AND INDICATED THE SESSION WAS OVER. DESPITE THE HARSH LANGUAGE, PARTICULARLY THE DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES, MRS. CH'ENG WAS PLEASANT AND RATHER SUBDUED, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT SHE WANTED TO GET THE MATTER OVER WITH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GIVEN THIS AS WELL AS THE RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF THE DEMARCHE, WE SUSPECT CHINESE FELT OBLIGED TO RESPOND FOR THE RECORD, BUT DID SO IN PRO FORMAL FASHION.
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